

# **BOROUGH OF LEONIA**

COUNCIL- REORGANIZATION ~ Minutes ~

Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

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January 4, 2020 12:00 pm Leonia High School

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia was called to order by Mayor Zeigler at 12:15 p.m.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

Councilwoman Flaim led those present in a salute to the flag.

#### **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

Mayor Zeigler advised that the conditions of the Open Public Meeting Act have been met by Notice being placed on the Bulletin Board at Borough Hall and sent to the official newspapers.

## **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION**

Mayor Zeigler announced that Bergen County Clerk has certified the election results of Mayor Judah Zeigler, Councilwoman Bernadette Flaim and Councilman William Ziegler.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Judge Ben Choi administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Bernadette Flaim, Councilman William Ziegler, and Mayor Judah Zeigler who were joined by their families.

Mayor Zeigler expressed appreciation to Judge Choi for attending this evening to administer the Oaths of Office.

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Judah Zeigler and Councilmembers Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis,

Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis, Joanne Terrell and William Ziegler

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Brian Chewcaskie

Borough Administrator Andrea Wardrop

Borough Clerk Anne Dodd

# PRESENTATIONS/REMARKS - Mayor Zeigler

Presentation to Councilwoman Flaim by Former Bergen County Freeholder Julie O'Brien of WE DO

Former Freeholder Julie O'Brien of WE DO presented Councilwoman Flaim with a certificate as a token of the organization's appreciation for running and serving the residents of Leonia with such distinction.

On behalf of both the County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders, Freeholders Germain Ortiz and Mary Amoroso presented Mayor Zeigler, Councilwoman Flaim and Councilman Zeigler with Certificates of Commendation in recognition of outstanding service to the residents of Leonia.

Mayor Zeigler noted that he was requested to extend congratulations on behalf of the State legislative officials who were unable to attend this afternoon.

Councilwoman Flaim thanked everyone for their continued confidence in her ability to serve and expressed her excitement in beginning her third term on the governing body.

Councilman Ziegler thanked all who participated in the election process for giving him the opportunity to serve this community. He expressed his belief that this Reorganization Meeting showcases the volunteerism that has always been the backbone of this community. He recognized all the volunteers who have stepped forward to willingly give their time as well as the members of the governing body who do the same. He commented that this governing body works well together and noted the progress that has been made. He remarked that he is honored to serve the residents of Leonia and looks forward to the next three years.

Mayor Zeigler's State of the Municipality Address

Mayor Zeigler read the following into the record:

My fellow Leonians, honored guests, and members of the Leonia Borough Council: First and foremost...Happy New Year! I hope everyone had the opportunity over the holiday to relax, recharge, and spend time with family and friends. I also want to thank everyone for taking the time to join us this afternoon to witness the oaths of office administered to those of us who are beginning our terms, and to participate in our annual reorganization meeting.

Recently, I've been reflecting on the past four years of my administration – what's gone right, what's gone...well...not as right..., and perhaps most importantly, what I believe are some of the important priorities on which we as a Governing Body need to focus in the coming year. Today, I'd like to share some of these with you.

If I had to sum up the past four years in just a few words, they would be "stabilization and foundation." When I took office in 2016, I spoke about the fact that many of the Borough's challenges were years in the making – and thus, couldn't be substantively addressed overnight. Since that time, we've worked hard on many key issues; for example, we've established a robust capital plan that emphasizes the need to maintain our Borough's infrastructure. We've paved over 50 Leonia roads, and now have an annual road, curb and sewer maintenance program that will ensure that our infrastructure is properly maintained, reversing years of neglect.

We've also made necessary investments in our Borough's fleet; four years ago, our newest garbage truck was 19 years old, and our police vehicles were similarly aging and outmoded. Every year, the Borough was spending tens of thousands of dollars to maintain vehicles that had long passed their useful life – yet nothing was being done. So, we took action – and today, we have a fleet that efficiently and properly serves the needs of our residents and businesses.

Four years ago, our human resource needs were similarly challenged. Our police department had been reduced in size to just 16 sworn officers – in spite of the fact that the demands on our department continue to increase. I'm especially proud of the dedicated men and women of our Police Department, and am pleased that we have each year been able to add one sworn officer to the Department's ranks.

This has contributed to a decline in crime in our Borough, and at the same time, provides the ability to engage in additional proactive community policing initiatives that benefit all who live here.

We also needed to make significant changes in our Borough's administrative leadership team. Today, we welcome Andrea Wardrop, our new Borough Administrator, who brings to us strong public sector management skills, and an equally strong background in private sector finance. Andrea, we're thrilled to have you on board. I am equally pleased to welcome two brand new additions to our Borough's leadership team: First, Anne Dodd, our new full-time Borough Clerk and Assistant Administrator, who joins us after successful tenures with several other municipalities. This is Anne's first day on the job, so let's welcome her, and wish her well in her new role.

I also want to welcome Sherry Luna, our new part-time Chief Financial Officer. Sherry is here as a result of an innovative shared services agreement we've created with the Borough of Paramus, which is giving us the ability to avail ourselves of Sherry's services on a part-time basis, while also ensuring that we have the ongoing support that we need to ensure that we fully comply with all of our statutorily mandated financial responsibilities. Sherry, we welcome you as well to the Borough of Leonia.

While we've been addressing the areas with the greatest need for stabilization, we've also been working diligently to lay the foundation that will permit us to successfully address some of the larger, more strategic challenges we face. So, if I had to sum up my goal for this new term, it would be one word: Progress.

As I've said so many times before, the greatest challenge to our community is our business model: Today, 93% of our tax revenue is generated from the owners of single-family homes, and this is simply not sustainable. Through sensible economic development in the underutilized areas of our community, my goal is to reduce this number to 80%; a challenging goal to be sure, but one which can certainly be attained.

To achieve this, we must think more boldly than we ever have before; we must move forward with the rezoning of Willow Tree Road to allow higher density commercial and residential development – but in the case of residential development, focus solely on projects which do NOT add students to our school system. 55+ housing, assisted living and other similar projects represent the hottest segments of the residential development market – and we need to create an environment where developers like these know that they are welcome here in Leonia. Over the past 90 days, I have had a significant number of discussions with potential developers, and can tell you firsthand that there is definitely interest; now, we need to determine which projects make the most sense for our community, and how best to move them forward in a way that ensures that the agreements we reach benefit everyone who lives and works here. We must NEVER compromise our zoning standards, as these define and differentiate the special character of our community – but this doesn't mean that we shouldn't do everything possible to ensure that we are optimizing the full potential of those areas of our community which are currently underutilized.

Likewise, we need to determine how best to substantively improve and enhance the Grand Avenue/Fort Lee Road "gateway area," which can, if addressed holistically, provide both increased ratables as well as an exponentially improved entrance to our community. Candidly, this is more challenging, because the area is already almost fully developed; however, by engaging in frank, collaborative dialogue with development experts as well as our property owners and Bergen County (the owner of Fort Lee Road), I strongly believe that we can create significant near-term financially beneficial development opportunities.

At the same time that we are working to deliver incremental revenue for our Borough, we cannot forget the fact that our community has already ignored for too long the aging state of our Borough's existing public buildings. Our police department is almost uninhabitable, and our municipal court, a profit center for our town, was not secure, so we were forced out of it, requiring us to rent space from the Borough of Fort Lee – thereby reducing our net revenue.

While this has been an issue for at least a decade, and had been virtually ignored by past administrations, I must state clearly that in my opinion, our administration has not addressed this issue as expeditiously as we should have. We've been trying to find solutions that please everyone – and in the process, have made relatively little progress, and aren't serving anyone. This Governing Body needs to finalize a plan that we truly believe is in the best interest of our community as a whole, then share that plan with our residents, as we did during our last Town Hall meeting. This will allow us to move forward and address an issue which has been kicked down the road again and again by too many – and which is now our responsibility to substantively resolve.

At the same time, we need to ensure that our other Borough buildings are properly serving their intended purposes. Our current fire department building is in very poor condition – and while we can't afford simply to knock it down and build a new one, we must invest in substantive improvements that reflect the manner in which fire departments operate today – so that the members of our Volunteer Fire Department, who save our taxpayers well over a million dollars a year by serving in their volunteer roles, are able to carry out their responsibilities safely and efficiently.

Last year, we received a ninety thousand dollar grant to renovate the Borough Annex into the new Senior Center – providing our senior citizens with a facility that had been lacking for far too long. Now, we need to complete renovations on the lower level, including solving the persistent flooding, so that we can utilize it for much needed meeting space for the many volunteer organizations in our community.

We must also this year develop the plans that will allow us to realize the benefit of the nine hundred twenty thousand dollar Complete Streets grant received in May of last year. This is the largest grant Leonia has ever received – and will allow us to significantly enhance pedestrian safety on Broad Avenue at our school crossings, and where sidewalks do not currently exist. We will also design traffic calming measures at each end of Broad Avenue – the results of which will increase safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists alike.

While we're on the subject of traffic, I would be remiss if I didn't provide an update on the defense of our Safe Streets ordinances. In early December, we presented our arguments in front of the New Jersey Appellate Court, and expect their decision in the first quarter of this year. We believe that the Court will direct the Commissioner of Transportation to review our ordinances under the current statute – rather than hiding behind a 1955 Attorney General's opinion that doesn't carry the weight of law. Our Safe Streets ordinances represent an answer to what we truly believe is a fundamental need to enhance pedestrian safety for all who live and work in our community. Unfortunately, this point was proven with great clarity when, last summer, a pedestrian was struck and killed on Grand Avenue...killed by a vehicle that, if the Safe Streets ordinances were in place, would not have been permitted on the side street from which they turned. If the State of New Jersey doesn't like our answer, they have an obligation to provide us with one that just as substantively addresses the challenges we face in combating the traffic clogging our narrow residential side streets. I want to ensure all Leonians, and all who work here, that protecting your safety is my highest priority, and I will continue to hold our state officials accountable until a proper solution is achieved.

People live in communities like ours because they are trying to ensure a positive quality of life for themselves and their families, and quality of life issues are ones on which we continue to sharply focus. In February, we will introduce several ordinances which demonstrate this. We have finalized work on a revised noise ordinance, which will curb the increasing impact of noise from commercial landscaping and construction equipment. In addition, we will be introducing a new Shade Tree ordinance which will, we hope, stop the tide of healthy tree removal which has been increasing not just in Leonia, but across our area. We have also completed work on the first phase of a new parking ordinance, which will limit overnight parking on Borough streets strictly to Borough residents and their guests, ensuring that when

large developments that border our community are finalized, their parking issues won't become ours. We have also finalized a new ordinance banning single-use plastic bags, and will be introducing this ordinance as well in February. Leonia's commitment to environmental leadership is one which has been recognized for decades, and I am especially proud of this latest effort, in collaboration with the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and of course our talented Environmental Commission, which will continue to ensure that we work to protect our most precious resource – the planet which we share.

I mention this last because it's a wonderful example of what happens when true collaboration occurs – and how committed this administration is to ensuring that all members of our community are truly engaged in the process of municipal government. Last year, we had a contested primary election in our town, the first in several years. Turnout was quite significant – but in the end, a large number of registered voters were unable to substantively participate in our electoral process. This is because, in our form of government, candidates for elected office run in partisan elections, and because of the political makeup of our community, only one party's local candidates are ever truly viable.

In the words of former New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, "there is no Republican or Democratic way of cleaning the streets," yet our community requires that someone declare a partisan affiliation in order to participate in the electoral process. As a result, many voters are disenfranchised – and that is, in my opinion, something that we must change. As such, I am placing on our February work session agenda the establishment of a Charter Study Commission, the statutorily required first step towards potentially changing Leonia's form of government to one which is non-partisan. Ultimately, any recommendation made by such a Commission would have to be agreed to by the Governing Body and be the subject of a referendum voted upon by all Leonia voters. I believe that if we are to truly represent all of our constituents, we must do whatever we can to ensure that we involve as many of them as possible in our electoral process. Finally, we must ensure that fresh faces, fresh energy, and new ideas are continually introduced into our municipal government. As elected officials, the seats that we hold aren't "ours;" we don't own them, and we should be encouraging others in our community to step forward and get involved in the process of municipal governance. To that end, I am today calling upon the members of the Council to introduce and pass an ordinance establishing term limits for the Mayor and all Council members – and be retroactive to include all of us. I propose an ordinance that allows a maximum of three consecutive Council terms as and two consecutive Mayoral terms before an elected official may not seek reelection for at least the length of the term of office that elected official last held. If the Council passes such an ordinance, I will immediately sign it into law, and Leonia will once again show its leadership in putting its constituents ahead of politics or personal gain. I will be placing this item as well on the agenda for February's work session, so that we may discuss it further and hopefully, move it forward toward passage.

Finally, I want to take a moment to make a request of all of our constituents: Disagree with any of us, or all of us, but please, do so from a position of knowledge, informed conclusions and mutual respect. Remember that every member of this Governing Body serves without compensation – we do what we do because we truly love our community, and we want to help address some of the significant challenges we face. From my experience working with each member of this Council, I can tell you that these are decent, dedicated, talented people that want only the best for everyone in Leonia. You will find that, if you take the time to get the facts about an issue, any respectful challenge you put before us, publicly or privately, will be met with genuine interest and thoughtful deliberation. However, those who instead prefer to base their challenges on half-truths and misinformation, put forward for political or personal gain, will find no audience, as this administration will continue to conduct itself in a manner that is steeped only in intellectual honesty. There is no one single answer to any of the complex challenges we face - and we need the focus of our entire community, working collaboratively and collectively, to achieve our shared goals. Let us recommit ourselves to moving forward cohesively, respectfully, and in a way that maximizes the talent of every member of our very special community. Thanks to all who take the time to give back in service to our community, and to their family members (especially my wife and children), who allow the opportunities to serve. I am humbled by the fact that I am the first Mayor in 40 years to have been reelected to a second term, and do not in any way take this

for granted. You have honored me with your trust, and I promise you that I will continue to earn that trust, each and every day. Together, we have a great deal to accomplish – so, let's get to work. Thank you very much.

#### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**RES. 2020-01** Appointment of Council President

2020-01 Council President.docx

#### **RES-2020-01 Council President**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Maureen Davis

**SECONDER:** Bernadette Flaim

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS

RES. 2020-02 Appointment of Borough and Tax Appeal Attorney

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## **RES-2020-02** Borough and Tax Appeal Attorney

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Bernadette Flaim

**SECONDER:** Pasquale Fusco

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# RES. 2020-03 Labor Attorney

2020-03 Labor Attorney.docx

# **RES-2020-03 Labor Attorney**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

MOVER: Pasquale Fusco

**SECONDER:** Maureen Davis

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# RES. 2020-04 Borough Auditor 2020-04 Borough Auditor.docx

# RES-2020-04 Borough Auditor

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

MOVER: William Ziegler

**SECONDER:** Pasquale Fusco

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# RES. 2020-05 Borough Engineer 2020-05 Borough Engineer.docx

# **RES-2020-05 Borough Engineer**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Maureen Davis

**SECONDER:** Bernadette Flaim

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# RES. 2020-06 Bond Counsel 2020-06 Bond Counsel.docx

#### RES-2020-06 Bond Counsel

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

MOVER: William Ziegler

**SECONDER:** Maureen Davis

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# RES. 2020-07 Borough Prosecutor 2020-07 Borough Prosecutor.docx

**RES-2020-07 Borough Prosecutor** 

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Maureen Davis

**SECONDER:** Bernadette Flaim

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# RES. 2020-08 Public Defender

2020-08 Public Defender.docx

#### RES-2020-08 Public Defender

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

MOVER: William Ziegler

**SECONDER:** Pasquale Fusco

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# **RES. 2020-09 Risk Management Consultants**

2020-09 Risk Management Consultants.docx

## **RES-2020-09 Risk Management Consultant**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Bernadette Flaim

**SECONDER:** Pasquale Fusco

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# RES. 2020-10 Borough Architect

2020-10 Borough Architect.docx

# **RES-2020-10 Borough Architect**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

MOVER: William Ziegler

**SECONDER:** Pasquale Fusco

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# RES. 2020-11 Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA)

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# **RES-2020-11 Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA)**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Bernadette Flaim

**SECONDER:** Maureen Davis

**AYES:** Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# **RES. 2020-12 Grants Consultant**

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#### **RES-2020-12 Grants Consultant**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

MOVER: Bernadette Flaim

**SECONDER:** Pasquale Fusco

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# RES. 2020-13 Borough Planner 2020-13 Borough Planner.docx

# RES-2020-13 Borough Planner

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Maureen Davis

**SECONDER:** Pasquale Fusco

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# **RES. 2020-14 Appointment of Conflict Counsel**

Mayor Zeigler announced that Resolution #2020-14 is being deferred.

# **RES. 2020-53 Appointment of Chief Financial Officer**

2020-53 Appointment of CFO Luna.docx

# **RES-2020-53 Appointment of Chief Financial Officer**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Bernadette Flaim

**SECONDER:** Louis Grandelis

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# **MAYORAL NOMINATIONS - WITH COUNCIL CONSENT**

Mayor Zeigler appointed the following members to the Board of Health:

Cesar Leon, Full Member Frank Livelli, M.D., Full Member David Kessler, M.D. Alternate 1 Member Term Expiration 12/31/2022 Term Expiration 12/31/2022 Term Expiration 12/31/2020

#### **Board of Health Nominations**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

MOVER: Maureen Davis

**SECONDER:** Bernadette Flaim

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

Mayor Zeigler appointed the following members to the Environmental Commission:

Christoph Hesterbrink, Full Member Lela Charney-Squitieri, Full Member Davida Scharf.Alternate 1 Member Term Expiration 12/31/2022 Term Expiration 12/31/2022 Term Expiration 12/31/2020

#### **Environmental Commission Nominations**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

MOVER: William Ziegler

**SECONDER:** Louis Grandelis

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

Mayor Zeigler appointed the following members to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Carmita Sanchez-Fong, Class A Member David Braun, Class B Member Linda Green, Class C Member John Kender, Alt. No. 2 Member **Historic Preservation Commission Appointments** 

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

MOVER: William Ziegler

SECONDER: Pasquale Fusco

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

Mayor Zeigler appointed the following members to the Recreation Commission:

Dennysse Hernandez, Full Member Vito Mazza IV, Full Member Term Expiration 12/31/2024 Term Expiration 12/31/2024

#### **Recreation Commission Nominations**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Bernadette Flaim

**SECONDER:** Louis Grandelis

**AYES:** Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

Mayor Zeigler made the following appointments:

**DPW Committee** 

Council President Fusco, Chair

Member

Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Term Expiration 12/31/2020

**Facilities Committee** 

Councilman Ziegler, Chair

Council President Fusco, Member

Term Expiration 12/31/2020

Term Expiration 12/31/2020

Term Expiration 12/31/2020

Term Expiration 12/31/2020

Finance & Human Resources Committee

Councilwoman Flaim, Chair Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilwoman Terrell, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilman Ziegler, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020

Law & Ordinances Committee

Councilwoman Terrell, Chair	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilwoman Davis, Member	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilman Grandelis, Member	Term Expiration 12/31/2020

# Council Liaisons to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

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Councilwoman Davis, Board of Health	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilwoman Terrell, Board of Education	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Council President Fusco, Building Department	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilman Grandelis, Emergency Medical Services	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilman Ziegler, Environmental Commission	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilman Ziegler ,Historic Preservation Commission	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilwoman Flaim, Library Board of Trustees	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilman Grandelis, Recreation Commission	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilwoman Flaim, Mayor's Advisory Committee on	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Sculpture and the Arts	

Sculpture and the Arts

Councilman Ziegler, Shade Tree Commission Term Expiration 12/31/2020

# **Council Committees, Board & Commission Liaison Appointments**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Pasquale Fusco

**SECONDER:** Bernadette Flaim

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

Mayor Zeigler appointed the following members to the Capital Budget Planning Committee:

Mayor Judah Zeigler, Class 1 Member (Mayor)	Term Expiration 12/31/2023
Andrea Wardrop, Class II Member (Borough Administrator)	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Council President Fusco, Class II Member (DPW Chair)	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilwoman Flaim, Class II Member (Finance Committee Chair)	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Council President Fusco, Class II Member (Planning Board Rep.)	Term Expiration 12/31/2020

## MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Zeigler made the following appointments:

#### **Board of Police Commissioners**

Councilwoman Davis, Chair	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilwoman Flaim, Member	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilman Ziegler, Member	Term Expiration 12/31/2020

## Fire Committee

Councilman Gandelis, Chair	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Councilwoman Flaim, Member	Term Expiration 12/31/2020

Council President Fusco, Member	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Planning Board Mayor Zudah Zeigler, Class I Member Council President Fusco, Class III Member Michael DeGidio, Class IV Member Vincent Petti, Class IV Member Ira Gold, Alternate II Member Alicia Stewart, Alternate III Member (Unexpired Term) Haeseok Ko, Alternate IV Member (Unexpired Term)	Term Expiration 12/31/2023 Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Term Expiration 12/31/2023 Term Expiration 12/31/2023 Term Expiration 12/31/2021 Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Term Expiration 12/31/2021
Shade Tree Commission Julie Ulbrich Vassaollo, Full Member	Term Expiration 12/31/2024
<u>Library Board of Trustees</u> Mayor Judah Zeigler, Class (Mayor) Elizabeth Carillo, Full Member H. Philip Ziegler, Mayor's Alternate Edward Bertolini, Superintendent of Schools	Term Expiration 12/31/2023 Term Expiration 12/31/2024 Term Expiration 12/31/2023 Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Environmental Commission Christoph Hesterbrink, Chair	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Mayor's Advisory Committee on Pedestrian Safety and Transportation Alec Melman, Member (Chair) Jamie Sclafane, Member Michael Phelan, Member	Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Mayor's Advisory Committee on Sculpture and the Arts Hanna Atlas, Member Susanna Bergtold, Member Karen Elder, Member Roxanne Ettinger, Member Brandi Gil, Member Mary Martire, Member Nora Vecca, Member Betty Sokol, Member Marilyn Torre, Member Nanda Van Ginkel, Member  Mayor's Green Team Advisory Committee Bill Russell, Chair	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Kathryn Mirbaba, Member James Leynse, Member Christie Evans, Member Julie Ulbrich Vassallo, Member Christoph Hesterbrink, Member Lela Charney-Squiteri, Member David Scharf, Member	Term Expiration 12/31/2020
Mayor's Stigma-Free Task Force Stella Jang, Co-Chair Isabelle Van Sickell, Co-Chair	Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Term Expiration 12/31/2020

Muhamed Abbass, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Alvssa Drever Delaney, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Aly Giannantonio, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Joanne Green, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Cindi McLean, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Maryellen Peters Neu, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Jamie Sclafane, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Judy Wong, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020 Michele Zeigler, Member Term Expiration 12/31/2020

#### CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Zeigler advised that Resolution #2020-52 will be pulled from the Consent Resolutions and considered separately.

RES. 2020-15 Appointment of Payroll Processing Company 2020-15 Payroll Processing Company.docx

RES. 2020-16 Appointment of Police Physician 2020-16 Appointment of Police Physician.docx

RES. 2020-17 Appointment of Assessment and Tax Search Officers 2020-17 Appt of Assessment and Tax Search Officers

RES. 2020-18 Appointment of PACO, Personnel Officer and Sexual Harassment Officer 2020-18 Paco Personnel Officer and Sexual Harassment Officer.docx

RES. 2020-19 Appointment of Fund Commissioner 2020-19 Appointment of Fund Commissioner.docx

RES. 2020-20 Appointment of Fire Marshall 2020-20 Appointment of Fire Marshall.docx

RES. 2020-21 Appointment of Fire Inspector 2020-21 Appointment of Fire Inspector.docx

RES. 2020-22 Appointment of Emergency Management Council 2020-22 Appointment of Emergency Management Council.docx

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#### **Consent Resolutions as amended**

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Bernadette Flaim

**SECONDER:** Pasquale Fusco

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

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# **RES-2020-52** Appointment of 2020 Fire Department Officers

RESULT: carried [6 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Bernadette Flaim

**SECONDER:** Louis Grandelis

AYES: Pasquale Fusco, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Louis Grandelis,

Joanne Terrell, William Ziegler

NAYS: None

# **OATH OF OFFICE - 2020 FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Mayor Zeigler administered the Oaths of Office to 2020 Fire Department Officers:

Chief John Biondi
Deputy Chief Thomas Caruolo
Captain John B. Dunn
Lieutenant John Peters
Lieutenant Richard Quinton, Jr.
Lieutenant James McArdle
Lieutenant John Mugan
Lieutenant John M. Dunn

# COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC "AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY" FIVE (5) MINUTES PER SPEAKER OR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

Mary Heveran, 562 Broad Avenue, congratulated Councilwoman Flaim, Councilman Ziegler, and Mayor Zeigler on their reelection and commended the cultural diversity that exists on the governing body. She also commended Mayor Zeigler for his lofty goals, particularly the responsible development of Willow Tree Road. She wished the members of the governing body continued success and thanked them for giving their time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Councilwoman Flaim, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC Municipal Clerk